

# Mossman Gorge

## Daintree National Park

Mossman Gorge is located at the southern part of the Daintree National Park – 56,500ha of rugged, largely inaccessible slopes of the Main Coast Range and Carbine Tableland, adjoining Mt Windsor and Mt Lewis. Mossman Gorge itself is accessible.

The Gorge is set in some of the best rainforest in North Queensland, with good walking tracks and great swimming holes. Strangler figs and epiphytic plants flourish and the crystal-clear Mossman River cascades over granite boulders.

The National Park provides a home for a wonderful variety of rainforest animals including tree-kangaroos, musky rat-kangaroos, Boyd's forest dragons, the brilliant blue Ulysses butterfly and birdlife such as the eastern yellow robin. With luck, these creatures can also be seen along the walking tracks at Mossman Gorge.

There are two circuit tracks. A short, 400m track provides access to lookouts over the Mossman River. Beyond this is a 2.7km loop track through the rainforest. If you go near the water, be careful – the rocks are often slippery and the water is fast-flowing.

The gorge is the traditional home of the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people.

Picnic tables and toilets are present, although parking is limited. It can get quite crowded but is definitely worth a visit.

**Access to this location:** Head 80kms north of Cairns along the Cook Highway. Follow the signs.

